



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	HB0186	Title:	Allow residents over 62 to take cow elk without a license
Primary Sponsor:	Stoker, Ron	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: Allowing residents over 62 years of age to take an antlerless elk without a permit will result in a loss of license revenue.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

1. In license year 2007, 13,417 resident seniors over the age of 62 purchased elk licenses at \$12/license.
2. Currently, 94% of state elk hunting districts (151 of 161) offer an antlerless option during at least a portion of the general season and would be eligible hunting districts for seniors over the age of 62 to hunt without a license.
3. For purposes of this fiscal note, FWP assume that 94% of the "over-62" license buyers would be eligible to hunt without a license. (94% x 13,417 = 12,612)
4. Of the 12,612 hunters eligible to hunt without a license, 90% will participate. The other 10% will purchase an A-5 bull elk license, and no revenue loss will occur. (12,612 x 90% = 11,351)
5. Annual loss in revenue will be \$136,212. (11,351 x \$12 = \$136,212)

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<u>Expenditures:</u>				
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>	<u>(\$136,212)</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)	(\$136,212)

Technical Notes:

1. 87-3-102 (C), MCA, states it is unlawful for a person to hunt or trap or attempt to hunt or trap any game animal, game bird, or fur-bearing animal or fish for any fish within this state or possess, sell, purchase, ship, or reship any imported or other fur bearing animal or parts of fur-bearing animals without first having obtained a proper and valid license or permit from the department to do so.
2. 87-3-509, MCA, (Tagging of carcasses of Game Animals), mandates that each license issued by the department authorizes the holder of the license to hunt game animals. The tag must be validated (date the animal was killed) and attached to the carcass immediately thereafter. The tag authorizes the license holder to possess the animal as their property. It has long been held by courts that if the animals are not tagged, they essentially remain the property of the state.

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